



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 15, 2003

S. 1478

A bill to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation on July 31, 2003*

SUMMARY

S.1478 would authorize the appropriation of \$184 million for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the 2004-2008 period. This amount includes about \$100 million for NTIA salaries and expenses and \$84 million for grants under the NTIA Technology Opportunities Program but does not include an authorization for grants for public telecommunication projects (which received \$44 million for 2003).

Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1478 would cost \$16 million in 2004 and \$144 million over the 2004-2008 period. Enacting this bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1478 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would provide benefits to state, local, and tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1478 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized will be appropriated each year and that outlays will follow historical trends for these programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 370 (commerce and housing credit) and 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
NTIA Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	75	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	101	73	32	12	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	35	35	37	38	39
Estimated Outlays	0	16	22	32	37	37
Spending Under S. 1478						
Authorization Level ^a	75	35	35	37	38	39
Estimated Outlays	101	89	54	44	37	37

a. The 2003 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1478 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would provide benefits to state, local, and tribal governments. The bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments by authorizing a total of \$84 million in matching grants for the Technology Opportunities Program over the period 2004-2008.

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